

## **Claims**

1. A system for storing samples from multiple manufacturing locations comprising;  
a warehouse or facility for storing samples of goods;  
said facility storing perishable samples and providing appropriate environmental conditions necessary to keep said samples viable;  
a database for storing information concerning the characteristics of said sample.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein said environmental conditions comprises;  
humidity, temperature, and other environmental factors which are necessary to keep the samples viable.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein a notification system notifies users when said samples are no longer viable.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein said samples are stored in bulk.
5. A computer system for samples comprising;  
a database which comprises information of each sample;  
said database containing information regarding the number of samples from a particular supplier of a particular type.
6. The system of claim 5 wherein said system informs a user to order more samples when said number of samples from a particular supplier of a particular good are less than a particular number of samples.
7. The system of claim 5 further comprising;  
software for tracking the location of said samples.

8. The system of claim 5 wherein said information comprises the origin of said sample, date of arrival of said sample to said facility, date said sample was produced, and conditions for keeping said sample viable.

9. A method for storing samples comprising;  
providing identification numbers to each sample;  
storing information about said samples;  
sending said sample to said customer along with information about said sample  
tracking delivery of said sample from a facility where said sample is stored to a final destination.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising  
informing a customer how long it will take for said sample to be delivered to said customer.

11. The method of claim 9 further comprising  
informing a company that said samples of said company were sent to said customer

12. The method of claim 9 further comprising;  
indexing when said sample is received from a company and determining based on information received from said company when a sample is no longer viable.

13. The method of claim 9 further comprising;  
tracking number of samples stored and instructing a company when samples need to be replenished in said facility.

14. The method of claim 9 further comprising;  
providing collateral material with said samples to potential customers of said facilities users, along with said sample.